SDG GOOD PRACTICES, SUCCESS STORIES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA

Second Open Call: Towards the Decade of Action to Deliver the Sustainable Development Goals
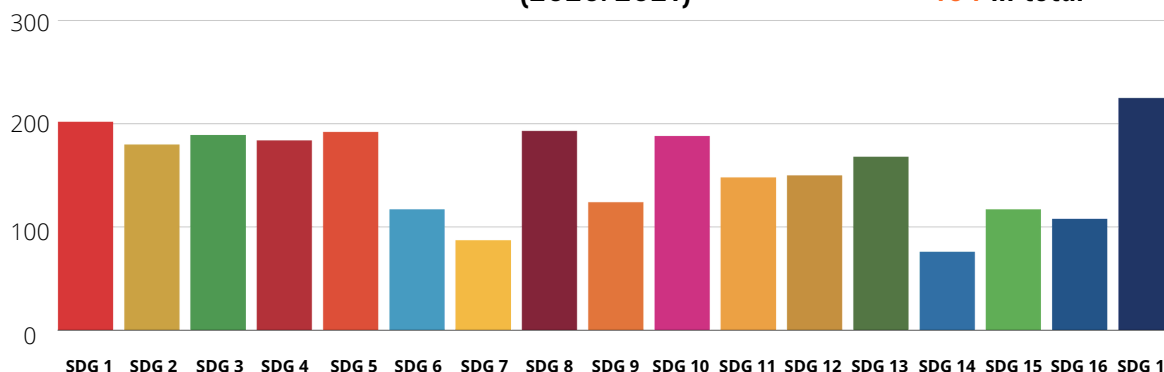
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INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), through its Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), launched a Second Open Call for good practices, success stories, and lessons learned in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The second open call was conducted from December 2020 to March 2021 aiming to highlight examples of good practices, including those that could be replicated or scaled up by others across the globe.

Submissions show inspiring breakthroughs, lessons learned, and success stories related to the implementation and follow-up of the SDGs at all levels (global, regional, national, and sub-national). Several submissions address steps taken to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 700 submissions were received for the Second Open Call for SDG Good Practices. More than 460 were approved by the Inter-Agency review team.
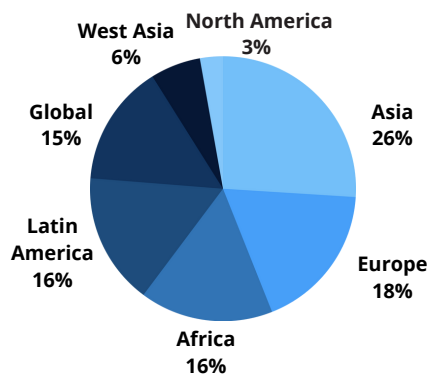
APPROVED SDG GOOD PRACTICES BY **SDGS** - 2ND OPEN CALL (2020/2021)   *464 in total
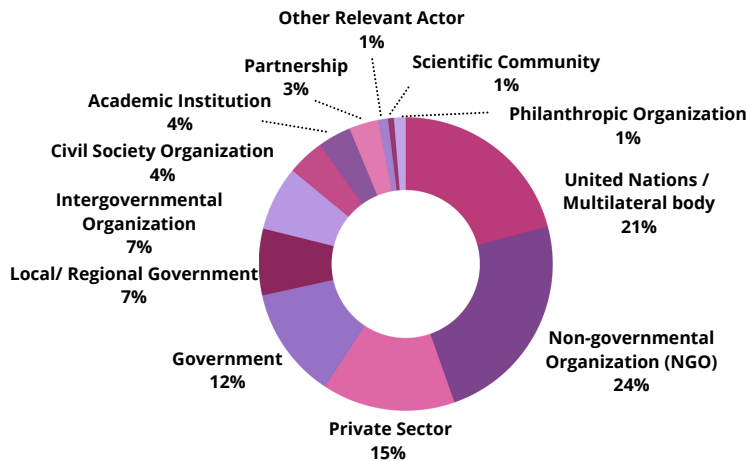

Global initiatives comprised 15% of approved submissions. Submissions were also received from Asia and the Pacific (26%), Europe (18%), Africa (16%), Latin America and the Caribbean (16%), Global (15%), West Asia (6%), and North America (3%). Proposals came from sectors including United Nations/ multilateral body (21%), non-

governmental organizations (24%), private sector (15%), governments (12%), local governments (7%), intergovernmental organizations (7%), and others.

Approved Submissions by Region

West Asia 6%
North America 3%
Global 15%
Asia 26%
Latin America 16%
Europe 18%
Africa 16%

Approved Submissions by Sector

Other Relevant Actor 1%
Partnership 3%
Academic Institution 4%
Scientific Community 1%
Civil Society Organization 4%
Philanthropic Organization 1%
Intergovernmental Organization 7%
United Nations / Multilateral body 21%
Local/ Regional Government 7%
Government 12%
Non-governmental Organization (NGO) 24%
Private Sector 15%

To learn more about the approved SDG Good Practices, please visit our online database here: https://bit.ly/SDGGoodPractices

BACKGROUND

A First Open Call for SDG Good Practices was conducted from November 2018 to February 2019 and a digital publication was published by UN DESA based on the results. Governments, UN entities, international and regional organizations, and stakeholders from all relevant sectors submitted proposals which were reviewed by an Inter-Agency Team of experts representing 24 United Nations Entities.

HIGHLIGHTED PRACTICES

The Second Open Call for SDG Good Practices pooled several outstanding submissions, including a few highlighted at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum session of 2021. UN DESA/DSDG will continue to promote the SDG Good Practices in events, publications, and briefings, as appropriate. Please, see below a few examples from the databank.

European Commission | Global focus

The EU External Investment Plan (EIP) is helping to generate jobs, growth, and prosperity in countries neighboring the EU and in Africa. A major component of the Plan is the European Fund for Sustainable Development, which aims in its founding regulation to support investments primarily in Africa and the Union's Neighbourhood as a means to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs, in particular poverty eradication.

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Green Recoveries for a Job-Rich Future

With smart policies and investments, millions of new green jobs could be created globally by 2030, and with this, economies can be transformed into drivers of social equity and environmental sustainability. The economics and science are clear — an inclusive green recovery from COVID-19 is the best option to provide income growth and mitigate risks to our shared future.

CONNECTING ECONOMIC POLICY WITH SCIENCE

Greening economies and investing in social protection measures, urgently, could pull 146 million people from poverty, generate over USD 10 trillion in business value, and create millions of jobs.

The State of Finance for Nature (UNEP, May 2021), and the New Nature Economy Report (WEF April 2020) found that more than half of the world's GDP depends on nature. Filling the financing gap in nature offers the opportunity to generate more than USD 10 trillion in business value and create 395 million jobs. On the poverty side, UNDP's research on the impact of COVID-19 on SDG Progress suggests that targeted investments, during the COVID recovery, in green economy, governance, social protection, and digitalization under an 'SDG Push' scenario, could reduce the number of people living in extreme poverty by 146 million by 2030.

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Partnership for Action on Green Economy | Global focus

PAGE unites five United Nations agencies — UNEP, the ILO, UNDP, UNIDO and UNITAR — to provide integrated and holistic support to countries on eradicating poverty, increasing jobs and social equity, strengthening livelihoods, and environmental stewardship and sustaining growth, ensuring coherence and avoiding duplication of efforts. Launched in 2013 following the Rio+20 Conference, PAGE currently supports 20 countries, working with national and regional governments to build inclusive, green economy transitions to support concrete action and accelerate action on SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.

The Egyptian Ministry of Planning and Economic Development | Africa, Egypt

The Government of Egypt (GOE) and the World Bank (WB) launched the Upper Egypt Local Development Program (UELDP) in 2017. UELDP worked on improving basic service offerings and invigorating local economic development at the local level while observing the social & environmental safeguards through national and international partnerships. It introduced national policy reforms that demonstrate Egypt's commitment to inclusive & sustainable development embodied in poverty reduction, improving people's lives and reducing disparities.

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City of Los Angeles | North America, United States

Los Angeles pioneered two open-source tools for SDG action at the local level: the Open Source SDG Data Reporting Platform (Open SDG) and the SDG Activities Index. While Open SDG was developed for national statistics, L.A. is the first city to adapt it for sub-national reporting. The SDG Activities Index is a searchable and exportable crowd-sourced encyclopedia of organizations advancing the SDGs in L.A designed to build local shared capacity for the SDGs. Both tools have wikis, and their code can be reused by other organizations to advance the SDGs in their communities.

Cleaner Water & Sustainable Sanitation for Greener & Healthier Future | Global, Malaysia

ECOLOO GREENTECH MALAYSIA SDN BHD has established ECOLOO MALAYSIA, an impact-driven social enterprise, to develop sustainable solutions such as ECOLOO, a stand-alone, decentralized, biological toilet technology. From 2010 until today, 2,500+ toilets have been installed in over 25 countries across 5 continents, including Jordan, Chile, and Sweden.

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Young Forestry Entrepreneur (JEF) | Latin America and the Caribbean

Promoting decent work for the young population and designing strategies for their insertion in labor markets remain a challenge in Latin America. Therefore, in 2013, the Young Forestry Entrepreneur Contest (JEF) was created to add to the technical knowledge of forestry students' skills in social and economic issues through an entrepreneurial approach to generate innovative ideas that positively impact forests. 8,677 students have been trained, and 625 projects from 13 countries have been received.
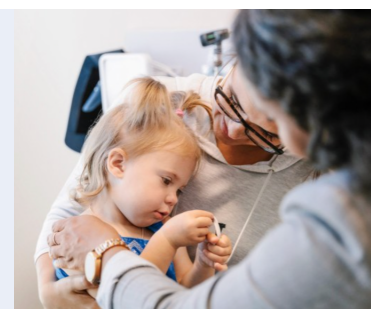

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African Clean Initiative | Africa, Nigeria

The Recyclespay Educational Project is a Plastic-For-Tuition project with the goal of paying the tuition fees of over 10,000 vulnerable students by the year 2030. The project integrates environmental, economic, and social indicators by reaching communities without access to proper waste management systems, establishing a sustainable system where plastic waste and other waste forms are recovered from the source while empowering parents, schools, and children.

Merck | Global, United States of America

Impact investing is one of Merck's core approaches to advancing sustainable global health systems and achieving the SDGs. Through impact investing, Merck can deploy financial resources in ways that may generate not only improved access to healthcare for underserved populations but also commercial opportunities—all while growing a sustainable global health ecosystem and attracting additional capital and partners.

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